

Definitions

Act - the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-332).

Charter School - a public school that -

- (A) in accordance with an enabling State statute, is exempted from significant State or local rules that inhibit the flexible operation and management of public schools, but not from any rules relating to the other requirements of this paragraph;
- (B) is created by a developer as a public school, or is adapted by a developer from an existing public school, and is operated under public supervision and direction;
- (C) operates in pursuit of a specific set of educational objectives determined by the school's developer and agreed to by the authorized public chartering agency;
- (D) provides a program of elementary or secondary education, or both;
- (E) is nonsectarian in its programs, admissions policies, employment practices, and all other operations, and is not affiliated with a sectarian school or religious institution;
- (F) does not charge tuition;
- (G) complies with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), and part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1411 et seq.);
- (H) admits students on the basis of a lottery, if more students apply for admission than can be accommodated;
- (I) agrees to comply with the same federal and state audit requirements as do other elementary and secondary schools in the state, unless such requirements are specifically waived for the purpose of this program;
- (J) meets all applicable federal, state, and local health and safety requirements; and
- (K) operates in accordance with State law.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8066 et seq.)

Educational Service Agency – a regional public multiservice agency authorized by State statute to develop, manage, and provide services or programs to local educational agencies (20 U.S.C. 8066).

Individual with a Disability - means individual with any disability. The term disability means, with respect to an individual- (A) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; (B) a record of such an impairment; or (C) being regarded as having such an impairment. (as defined in section 3,(1) of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 – and P.L 105-332, Section 3. (14) (A).

Institution Of Higher Education – for the purposes of this Act,

(a) an educational institution in any State that:

- (1) admits as regular students only persons having a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate;
- (2) is legally authorized within such State to provide a program of education beyond secondary education;
- (3) provides an educational program for which the institution awards a bachelor's degree or provides not less than a 2-year program that is acceptable for full credit
- (4) is a public or other nonprofit institution; and
- (5) is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, or if not so

accredited, is an institution that has been granted preaccreditation status by such an agency or association that has been recognized by the Secretary for the granting of preaccreditation status, and the Secretary has determined that there is satisfactory assurance that the institution will meet the accreditation standards of such an agency or association within a reasonable time.

(b) also includes:

- (1) any school that provides not less than a 1-year program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation and that meets the provision of paragraphs (1), (2), (4), and (5) of subsection (a); and
- (2) a public or nonprofit private educational institution in any State that in lieu of the requirement in subsection (a)(1), admits as regular students persons who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the State in which the institution is located.

(Higher Education Act of 1965, section 101)

Local Educational Agency (LEA) - a public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a state for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district or other political subdivision of a state, or for such combination of school districts or counties as are recognized in a state as an administrative agency for its public elementary or secondary schools. It includes any other public institution or agency having administrative control and direction of a public elementary or secondary school. (20 U.S.C. 8066)

Secondary School - a nonprofit institutional day or residential school that provides secondary education, as determined under State law, except that such term does not include any education beyond grade 12. (20 U.S.C. 8066)

Vocational/Technical Course – subject matter and related learning experiences, organized in instructional units, to develop the student’s career planning proficiencies, workplace readiness skills, and/or occupational competencies. The instructional units are offered on a systematic basis within a predetermined period of time.

Vocational/Technical Program – an organized sequence of a minimum of three vocational/technical courses designed to develop competencies for

- Entry level employment (including licensed occupations); and/or
- Enlistment in the military services; and/or
- Further education (to include apprenticeship training).

The program must include occupationally specific skill training and integrated applied academic instruction. Remedial or pre-remedial basic skill courses may not be included as part of the sequence.

For other definitions, please refer to the text of The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 which can be obtained from the internet at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/VocEd/InfoBoard/legis.html>